

CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Investigation Commission Holds Its First Formal Session.

GENERAL POLICY OUTLINED

AND LETTERS OF INQUIRY FORMULATED INTENDING TO BRING OUT ALL THE FACTS THAT CAN BE GIVEN RELATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY—MANY COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED—COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL BE SUMMONED TO TESTIFY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The commission selected by the President to investigate the conduct of the war department held its first formal session to-day, with all the members present. The meeting was in the room of the formation and ordnance board of the army, but it was found to be too small for the purposes of the board, and it was announced that future meetings would be held in apartments secured in the Lemon building, on New York avenue.

To-day's session was confined to a meeting of two hours' duration in the forenoon, after which an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock to-morrow. The proceedings were limited to the outlining of a general policy and the formulation of letters of inquiry, which will be made public to-morrow.

The letters which have been decided upon are to be addressed to the secretary of war, the quartermaster general, the commissary general, the surgeon general and the chief of the ordnance department of the army. They will consist in the main of inquiries intended to bring out all the facts that can be given relative to the organization of the volunteer army. These officials will be asked to give specific information, so as to cover each of the departments in question, concerning the condition of the army, both at the beginning and the close of the war. For this purpose a date in April has been selected as the one for the beginning of the preparation and another in August for the close.

The questions are so formulated as to call out answers covering the organization of camps, the purchase of supplies and the making of contracts with transportation companies, and also to show the methods adopted for furnishing supplies to the various commands, and for protecting the health of the soldiers. There will be no especial effort to develop the motives that actuated the department in the choice of camp sites, as there have been charges to the effect that they were located as a matter of favoritism to railroad companies.

The commission also considered several letters of complaint from persons professing to have information bearing upon the subject of investigation, and decided to address replies to the writers of each of them, requesting them to put their charges in specific shape, and informing them of the scope of the inquiry. It is intended that if the replies received to these letters show the writers to be in possession of real information to summon them before the commission, when it is feasible to do so, or otherwise to secure their affidavits. When, however, it becomes evident that their accusations are mere idle complaints, with no information back of them, the writers will receive no further attention.

The commission also expects to extend its inquiry until it closes its work to the extent of summoning before it the commanding officers of the various divisions and brigades, and probably ex-



HER SERENE HIGHNESS, THE PRINCESS OF FLAIRS.

For Generations Members of Her Family Are Said to Have Caused Anxiety in the British Royal Family By Their Flirtations.

If Lady Brooke by her ceaseless chatter has won for herself the nickname of "Babbling Brooke," the title "Princess of Flairs" has been bestowed upon the Princess of Pless no less worthily, for within the last year European aristocracy has been gripped, or disgraced, with as complete a gossip of heartless flirtation as ever adorned a Fiesole novel. But the Princess seems to have inherited her coquettish propensities. Dame Rumor prates that fifty years ago Her Highness's grandmother gave Queen Victoria cause for uneasiness by her flirtations with the usually irreproachable Prince Consort; her mother cast a gloom over the happiness of the long-

tending it to the colonels of regiments from which complaints have emanated. They will be expected to give full information as to the pains they may have taken or failed to take concerning the location of their troops and their general welfare.

The commission decided to hold two sessions daily, one in the forenoon, from 10 to 10:30, and the other in the afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Dr. Philneas S. Conner sat with the commission to-day, for the first time. He arrived from his home in Cincinnati early in the day, and called upon the President for a brief interview, before joining his fellow members in the war department. The President expressed his appreciation of the doctor's acceptance of the position, and outlined briefly his wishes in the matter of the investigation. Dr. Conner found it impossible to remain with the commission for the present, and secured a leave of absence for two or three days, in order to return to Cincinnati, to put his affairs in shape

suffering Princess of Wales, and now the Princess herself arouses the jealousy of the Duchess of York, wife of the son of the Prince of Wales, and some day King of England.

Princess Henry of Pless was before her marriage to a nobleman an Englishwoman, and is one of the most fascinating women in the aristocratic circles of Europe. Her husband is immensely wealthy, and of grand old German ancestry. It might be added that no serious scandal has attached itself to the many promenades and conversations of the Princess and her royal admirer, but the heart-burnings caused by such actions have been none the less fierce.

to be absent so long as the work of the commission may require.

In Dr. Conner the commission secures the services of a man who is not only eminent in his profession, but who is familiar with the conduct of the medical department of the army, in which he served for four years. He was born at West Chester, Pa., on the 23rd of August, 1829, and went to Cincinnati in 1844. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1859. The doctor's service in the army extended from 1862 to 1866, and he was assistant surgeon and brevet major. He resigned his position on the 1st of August, 1866, and since then has been in practice in Cincinnati. He is now and has been for many years professor of surgery in the Medical College of Ohio and in Dartmouth Medical College.

RAISING OF SPANISH SHIP

Maria Teresa by Hobson—Will Begin Work on the Colon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Acting Secretary Allen has received a cablegram from Captain Goodrich, of the Newark, the senior officer of the station at Guantanamo, confirming the press reports of the raising of the Spanish flagship Maria Teresa last Saturday. The work of raising this ship was directly in charge of Constructor Hobson. Now that the Teresa has been raised, he has been instructed to resume work on the Colon and begin operations towards wrecking the Mercedes, which lies within the mouth of Santiago harbor close to the Merrimac in smooth water and well situated for successful wrecking. The Teresa will be brought north, probably to Norfolk, as soon as she is in condition to undertake the voyage. The wreckers who have so successfully accomplished their work, have earned a large sum of money under the salvage laws, the exact amount of which will probably be determined by an admiralty court. It is the present purpose of the department to place the Teresa in commission as a United States naval vessel, and, following the English custom, her name is likely to remain unchanged to carry into the future the glory of the American victory.

Exaggerated Reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—The following cablegram was received at the war department to-day:

MANILA, Sept. 26, 1898.

Adjutant General, Washington. Understand reporters send exaggerated account of sickness. Total in hospital to-day highest of any day, 529; typhoid fever patients ninety-five; all doing well and mostly convalescent; about 1,200 excused from duty; mostly slight ailments, showing condition fair for this latitude. Nineteen deaths from disease this month; twenty-three in August. OTIS, Commanding.

His Identity Established.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 26.—"Fred Langewort," who committed suicide near Armourdale, Kas., two weeks ago, in a sensational manner, and who left a diary telling of his feelings during a period of four days while he underwent the agonies produced by repeated doses of morphine and Prussic acid, is believed to have been the husband of Mrs. H. Bukner, of Hoboken, N. J. A description received by the Kansas City police from Hoboken of Bukner tallies with that of the suicide. Bukner was a book binder, and, according to the Hoboken coroner, deserted a wife and family.

Circus Train Wrecked.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 26.—Bella Bros. and Forepaugh's circus train was wrecked at Wiltondale, on the Norfolk & Western railroad, James Doyle, of Philadelphia, and Harrison Kips, of Virginia, were fatally injured. Pat Forepaugh was seriously hurt. A car with elephants rolled down an embankment and the animals were injured, but none killed.

GLAD THEY ARE ALIVE.

Returned Klondikers Who Failed to Strike Gold—Typhoid Fever Raging.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Sept. 26.—The steamship Topeka has arrived from Lynn Canal ports with 150 Klondikers, ninety per cent of whom have little or no dust to show for their experience in the land of gold, and they all express themselves as being glad to get out alive. Three thousand cases of typhoid fever is the estimate placed on the number of sick in Dawson, September 6, is the estimate placed on the number of sick in Dawson September 6, a large number of deaths occur daily, of which no record is made. The cold weather coming on soon will check the fever.

It is estimated that about 9,000 people joined the rush to Stewart river. Nearly every foot of available ground has been prospected, but no gold was found. That section has been deserted by all except a few who hope to create another excitement next season. Among the Topeka's passengers was Joseph Ladue, the founder of Dawson. He says that many who return are men that, even if the country was one solid mass of gold, would not make anything, consequently they give the country a bad name. He admits there is a great deal of sickness, but says that Dawson has been a hospital for all the tramps. When anyone is taken sick anywhere along the river, he is sent to Dawson, which gets the credit.

SITUATION IN SANTA CLARA

Province Said to be Desperate—General Gomez Appeals for Aid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Telegrams have been received at the Cuban legation from commissioners who arrived at Key West and who were sent to this country by General Gomez, the Cuban insurgent leader. These telegrams depict the situation in the province of Santa Clara as most critical. The Cuban army is said to be starving. The vegetables are almost gone and the last mules and horses have been killed to feed the sick. The children and old people are said to be dying by dozens every day.

The general appeals for aid and says his men are desperate. The Spanish are doing all they can to make the insurgents' situation more terrible. It is feared that serious results may arise from this and the Cubans cannot be blamed if they are forced to take the necessities of life. They can do so by capturing a town, but the Cubans have pledged themselves not to violate the armistice and they, therefore, appeal to the United States in order to avoid a conflict.

The Wages of Sin.

HUTCHINSON, Kas., Sept. 26.—E. C. Clark, a prominent member of the Reno county bar, and who has been known to a greater or less extent as a writer on economic questions, has been found guilty here of manslaughter in the second degree.

This is the first trial in the sensational Boyd murder case. W. C. Boyd was murdered here on May 19 in the restaurant of Mrs. Nellie Postlewait. At the inquest it appeared that her oldest son, Harry, had committed the crime, but Mrs. Postlewait made a sensational confession, in which she declared she herself had killed Boyd. Harry later confessed the crime and said Clark had furnished the weapon and advised the killing. The state claimed as the motive that Clark and Boyd were rivals for the smiles of the attractive Mrs. Postlewait. The trial of Mrs. Postlewait and her two sons will occur later.

Her Terrible Mistake.

KENTON, Ohio, Sept. 26.—George Charlton, living two miles east of town, will probably lose his life through a strange accident. About midnight, hearing a noise in his chicken coop, he went out to investigate. Soon his sister heard a scuffle and grabbing an ax, she ran to her brother's assistance. Finding as she supposed, the thief on top, she

struck him a fearful blow with the ax, but soon to her horror she discovered it was her brother she had hit. His skull was crushed in and the doctors have but little hope of his recovery. The burglar proved to be a junk peddler by the name of Mike Smith. He was arrested.

Alleged Gross Neglect.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 25.—Frank Ficks, a private of the Seventh United States Infantry has died at the home of his uncle in this city of typhoid fever contracted in the Santiago campaign. Before dying he said he had been ill-treated and neglected ever since he was taken ill and so intense was his feeling that he made a dying request that he be not buried in his uniform.

A LONG FALL.

Never Would Have Believed It If He Had Not Seen It.

The man with a bunch of twine for whiskers was shaking his chin at the company of listeners, one of whom had shortly before read from a newspaper a story of a man falling down a well, and sustaining no serious injury.

"Which reminds me, gents," he said, "that what I am about to relate to you is a fact, & calm, cold fact, that I wouldn't think of telling you if it was anything else. It happened out in one of the deep mines of Colorado, where there was a straight shaft, 350 feet deep.

Some said it was 375, but, gents, I'm a truthful man, and I know it was twenty-five feet one inch short of that, for I measured it myself. Well, to make a long story short, one day there was a man out to see the mine, from New York, to buy it. He had a pot of money, and he looked like he carried it around under his vest, for he was as big through as a bass drum, and built on them proportions. I guess he weighed 300 pounds, though it might have been only 238. Anyway, he was standing around the mouth of the shaft one morning, and by some chance or other he toppled over, and down he went. I was looking right at him when he toppled, and I never want to see another man's face look like his did then, gents, indeed I don't. Not much. Well, to make a long story short, we looked at each other as he went down the hole, and then we broke for the cage, which was fastened up yet, and two of us started down after him, expecting to find a mangled mass at the bottom. But we didn't, and as we began to near the bottom we heard him yelling like a coyote to hold up, or we'd smash the life out of him. That scared us worse than the other, and we wanted to go back, but we couldn't do that, so we went slow and got down all right. Well, to make a long story short, by gum, do you know that we found that he had gone down that hole so fast and he filled it up so full that he had compressed the air in it to such an extent that by the time he got pretty near to the bottom he wasn't moving faster than he would have moved through that much water, and he had really stopped ten or fifteen feet from the bottom, and couldn't get either way, which was what scared him so as we came down on him in the cage. Very peculiar occurrence, gents, and if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes I never would have believed it in the world. Never!"—Washington Star.

SHE DIDN'T LOOK IT.

But She Put Her Age Down on the Hotel Register.

Some one had told her that you always have to register, but she wasn't used to hotels; that was apparent from the way she lingered about the old-time traveling man who stood by the clerk's desk, says the Detroit Free Press. She wanted to see how it was done. The old fellow had had the same room in the house for nine years. It was always kept for him; No. 62 on the second

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floor. He had wired three days before that he was coming, so all was ready for him. He dipped the pen in the ink well, and with an extra flourish or two, scratched down the name, "James Edward Clifford."

"The same old thing?" he asked of the clerk.

"Yep," was the answer.

Whereupon Mr. Clifford wrote down opposite his name, "63."

Then the bell boy grabbed his traveling case, and conducted him to the elevator.

The clerk dipped the pen in the ink, and handed it to the demure maiden who had stood behind the old traveler.

She glanced at the last name on the page, then turned a parting look at the form just passing into the elevator car.

She laid her handkerchief and pocket-book on the desk, and wrote "Faith Merrewether."

Then she shot the clerk a modest little glance, and finished out the line by placing "24" after the signature. She looked up blushing.

The clerk smiled, and when he had whispered a room number to the porter and the girl had passed behind the screen, he said to himself: "By Jove, she doesn't look it."

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Dedication West Virginia Monuments at Gettysburg—Low Rates via Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

Account dedication of West Virginia monuments at Gettysburg, Pa., Wednesday, September 28, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will sell tickets from all points on the line in West Virginia, at ONE FARE for the ROUND TRIP, tickets good going on regular trains of September 26, 27 and 28, good to return until October 3, inclusive. The occasion will be one of great importance and will be attended by the governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Attention is called to train No. 4 leaving Parkersburg, Wheeling, Grafton, Clarksburg, Fairmont and Morgantown, on evenings of September 26 and 27, arriving at Gettysburg at 8:45 a. m., following day, with through coaches. Call on ticket agents Baltimore & Ohio railroad for full particulars.



A NEW RAILROAD FOR VESUVIUS.

Vesuvius is acting so out of sorts that by the time she has finished her little tantrums it will be necessary to build a new railroad. Mount Vesuvius is erupting in three great streams, which, in the last two weeks, have increased in volume and intensity. Lava flows over the roadway from the mountain to the observatory, and another stream pours along the railroad, which was so laboriously constructed. Unless Vesuvius is soon checked she will threaten the famous observatory which has so long stood on her.

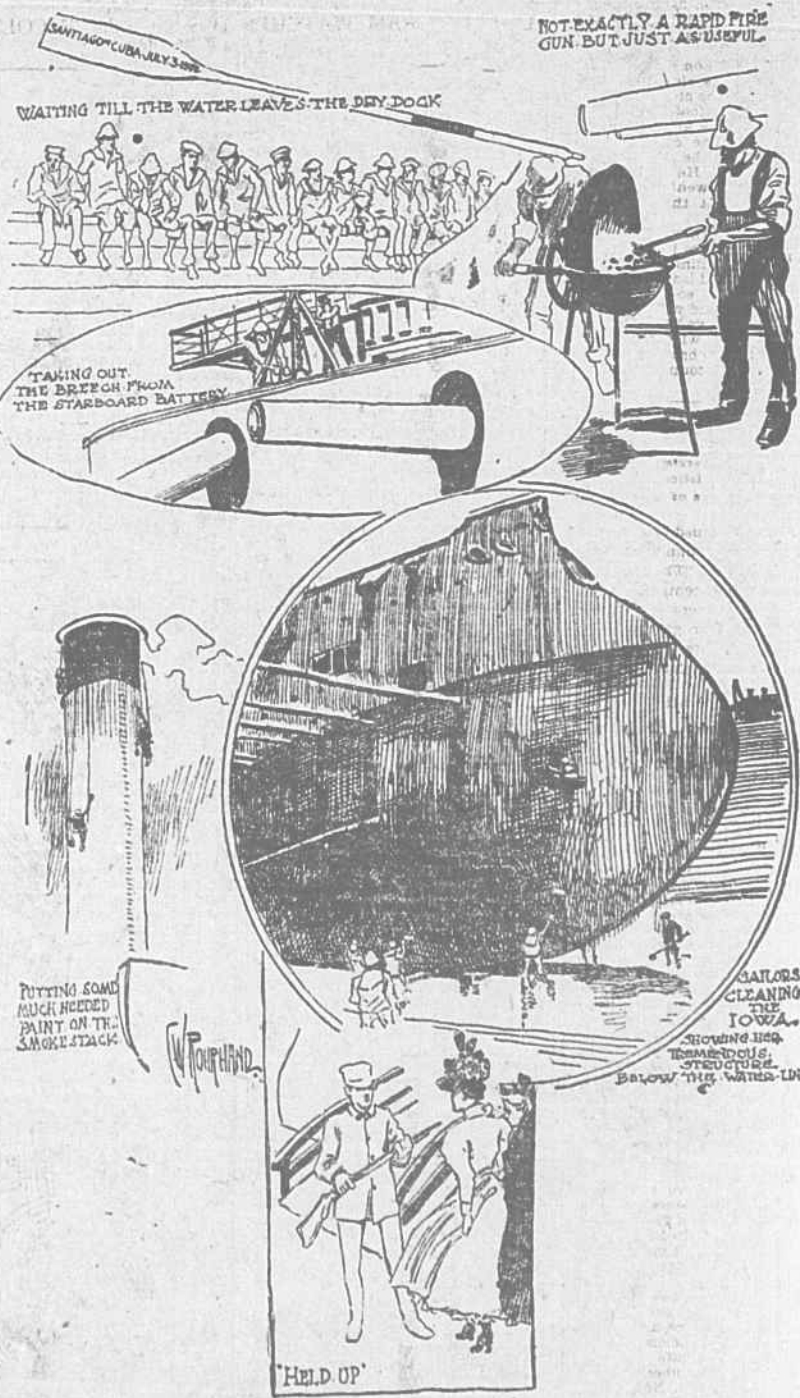


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THE TRIP OF THE IOWA TO MANILA.

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